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In re the Patent Application of)
Alan Patterson et al.)
Serial No.) Prior Application:
(continuation of 08/765,475)) Art Unit: 1614
Filed: concurrently herewith) Examiner: J. Goldberg
For: LONG-ACTING OXYTETRACYCLINE)
COMPOSITION)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, insert:

SP --This application is a continuation of application Serial
No. 08/^{765,475}~~475,768~~ of Alan Patterson et al., filed ^{April 8,}~~January 9,~~ 1997,
entitled "LONG-ACTING OXYTETRACYCLINE COMPOSITION"---
now abandoned

Page 2, line 1, change "oxytetracycline" to --
oxytetracycline--.

In the Claims:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A composition containing as active principle
an amount of a tetracycline compound effective for antibiotic
activity, either as the free base or a salt thereof with a